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Man sentenced for St. Paul bank robbery

A 58-year-old man was sentenced to 80 months in prison today in federal court in connection with the Oct. 24, 2007, robbery of a St. Paul TCF Bank.

United States District Court Judge Ann Montgomery also sentenced James Richard Cook to nine years of supervised release on one count of armed bank robbery June 6 in Minneapolis. Cook was indicted on Nov. 14, 2007, and was found guilty by a jury on Feb. 6, 2008.

According to Cook's indictment, on Oct. 24 Cook did take by force, violence and intimidation \$1,790 in cash from a bank teller at the bank, located at 444 Cedar St. The indictment adds that Cook did assault and put in jeopardy the teller's life with a knife.

According to a Federal Bureau of Investigation affidavit, the robber entered the bank, approached a teller and brandished a knife. The teller complied and gave him cash.

The robber exited the bank and fled down an escalator that leads to Sixth Street. Shortly after the robbery, officers noticed a man matching the physical description of the robber carrying a brown bag approximately two or three blocks from the bank. Officers stopped the man, and found the bag was full of cash, and also recovered a knife and baseball cap similar to those used in the robbery.

This case was the result of an investigation by the FBI and the St. Paul Police Department, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney James E. Lackner.